

Tuesday, 5 July 2011 – Strasbourg

Explanations of vote:

Pino Arlacchi (S&D), in writing . – I voted in favour of this resolution because the actual draft of the new Hungarian Constitution is not acceptable. The Hungarian authorities should consider amending the new Constitution, particularly its preamble, so that it guarantees equal protection of the rights of every citizen, no matter which religious, sexual, ethnic or other societal group they belong to, and to include in it an explicit declaration on the separation of church and state.

With this resolution we recommend the Hungarian authorities to explicitly include all fundamental civic and social rights and to ban the death penalty. The primary source of law must provide sufficient guarantees concerning the protection of fundamental rights and discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation. The Hungarian authorities should also ensure the existing guarantees on protection of national minorities, personal data and the transparency of publicly relevant information.

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